



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Jonassen et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 6, 2001 in which the Examiner made an election of species requirement. Applicants were requested to elect one of the species of parent peptide hormones listed as A) through X) on pages 2-3 of the Office Action.

In response to this requirement, Applicants hereby elect with traverse the species listed as D), glucagon and glucagon-like peptide. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file continuing applications directed to the nonelected subject matter.

As indicated below, Applicants have cancelled originally filed claims 1-19 and added claims 20-46. Added claims 20-46 read on the elected species. To be fully responsive, Applicants also elect as the ultimate species to be examined, the GLP-1 derivative that is disclosed on page 6, lines 5-8 of the application and is recited in added claim 33.

In The Claims

Please cancel claims 1-19 without prejudice and add new claims 20-46.

20. (New) A derivative of GLP-1 or an analog or fragment thereof wherein a lipophilic substituent optionally via a spacer is attached to the N-terminal amino acid of GLP-1 or the analog or fragment thereof and wherein the lipophilic substituent is a straight chain fatty acid

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